

Ellis Island, Incinerator
(U.S. Immigration Station, Incinerator)
(Statue of Liberty National Monument)
New York Harbor
New York
New York County
New York

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE NEW YORK	COUNTY NEW YORK	TOWN OR VICINITY NEW YORK
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) ELLIS ISLAND, INCINERATOR		HABS NO. NY-6086-B
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE U.S. Immigration Station, Incinerator Statue of Liberty National Monument		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) New York Harbor		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1911 (Historic Structure Report by Harlan D. Unrau, 1981, pp. 582-83)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Constructed in 1911 by the Morse-Bougler Destructor Company, the incinerator was used to burn all the garbage on Ellis Island. It was the second incinerator on the island.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Exterior brick bearing walls sheathed in stucco; concrete slab floor at grade; reinforced wood-formed concrete roof slab on steel beams; steel smokestack; low concrete enclosure wall; structural iron framing on west side.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular, 28'-1/2" x 21' (building); 54' x 29'-1/2" (slab).		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The one-story stucco-covered incinerator rests on an extended concrete slab base. It has a cornice, six light wood sash windows with iron grilles and a pair of metal doors on the south elevation. A steel smokestack is located at the northeast corner. Low concrete enclosure walls are located at the southeast corner (contd)		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The interior consists of a narrow passage between the two incinerators along the east and west walls and a small loading space along the south end of the incinerators. An iron ladder at the south end provides access to the cast iron charging platform and the tops of the (continued)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1934: Installation of a self-supporting steel smokestack at the northeast corner. 1937: A metal extension of structural iron framing covered by a corrugated copper roof was added to the western side of the building as a housing for a power-driven scrap metal baler.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Vacant, deteriorated and planned for demolition.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See Field Records.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) The former U.S. Immigration Station on Ellis Island is administratively part of the Statue of Liberty National Monument, National Park Service. The incinerator was studied as part of the overall restoration/rehabilitation activities at Ellis Island. See bibliography.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Beyer Blinder Belle, Architects & Planners		DATE 7 February 1985

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EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (continued)

and on the north side. Structural iron framing extends out from the west side of the building. A baler sits under this framing (originally a roofed enclosure) at the southwest corner. A free-standing brick furnace is located west of the incinerator. See following data pages and Field Records.

INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (continued)

incinerators. One circular hole in the ceiling over each incinerator marks the location of flues. See following data pages and Field Records.

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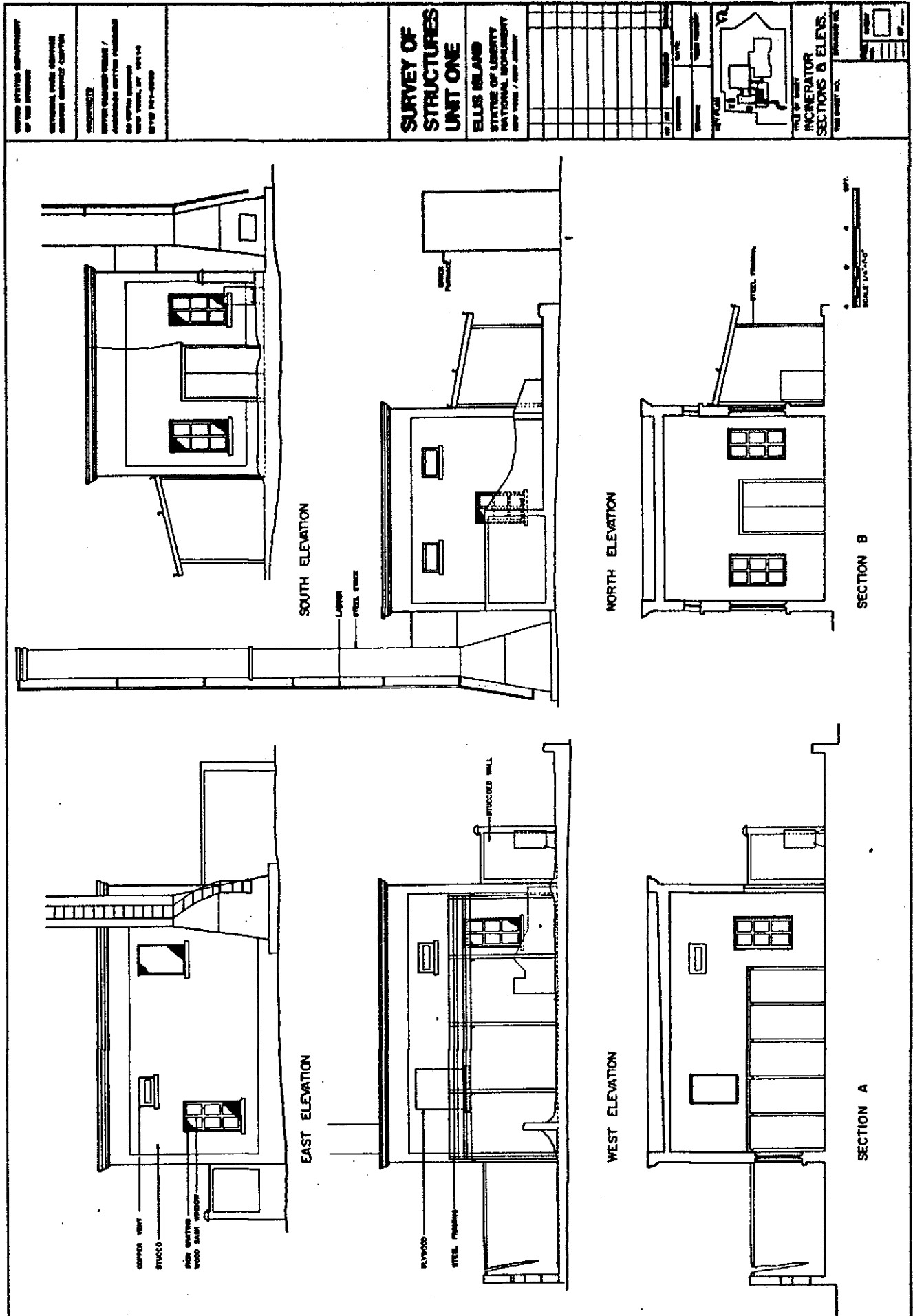
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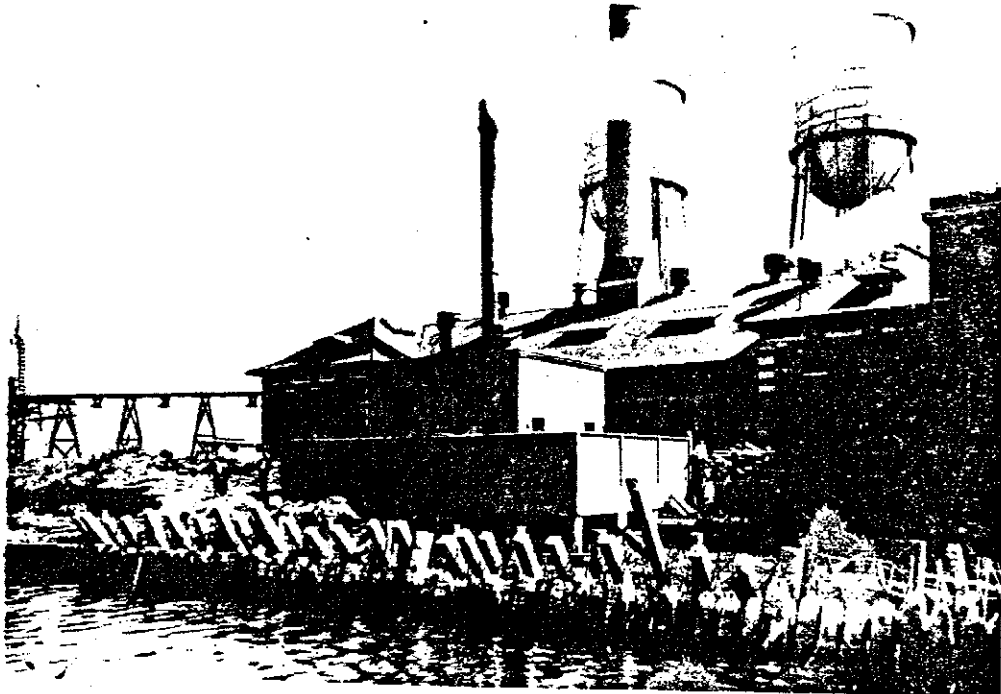
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**EXISTING CONDITIONS
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**SEAWALL, BAKERY AND CARPENTER SHOP, POWERHOUSE,
AND INCINERATOR, 1934**

Photograph taken on September 24, 1934, showing construction in progress on the new granite-faced seawall (section 3) for the fill behind island 1 as well as the bakery and carpenter shop, powerhouse, and incinerator buildings

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